

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 6, 2009

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 527**

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**Introduced by Senator ~~Ashburn~~ Kehoe**

February 27, 2009

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~~An act relating to high-speed rail.~~ *An act to amend Section 21204 of the Vehicle Code, relating to bicycles.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 527, as amended, ~~Ashburn Kehoe. High-speed rail.~~ *Bicycles.*

*Existing law prohibits a person from operating a bicycle on a highway if that person is riding other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached to the bicycle.*

*This bill would prohibit a person from operating a bicycle on a highway if that person is riding other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached to the bicycle, unless the bicycle was designed by the manufacturer to be ridden without a seat.*

~~Existing law creates the High-Speed Rail Authority with specified powers and duties relating to the development and implementation of an intercity high-speed rail system.~~

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to reorganize the High-Speed Rail Authority to ensure greater oversight and accountability for the high-speed rail project.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     **SECTION 1.** *Section 21204 of the Vehicle Code is amended to*  
2     *read:*

1     21204. (a) ~~No~~ A person operating a bicycle upon a highway  
2 shall *not* ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular  
3 seat attached thereto, *unless the bicycle was designed by the*  
4 *manufacturer to be ridden without a seat.*

5     (b) ~~No~~ An operator shall *not* allow a person riding as a  
6 passenger, and ~~no~~ a person shall *not* ride as a passenger, on a  
7 bicycle upon a highway other than upon or astride a separate seat  
8 attached thereto. If the passenger is four years of age or younger,  
9 or weighs 40 pounds or less, the seat shall have adequate provision  
10 for retaining the passenger in place and for protecting the passenger  
11 from the moving parts of the bicycle.

12     ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to reorganize~~  
13 ~~the High-Speed Rail Authority to ensure greater oversight and~~  
14 ~~accountability for the high-speed rail project.~~